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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO.

TOPIC Werneuchen Airfield 25X1

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED  25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 6 to 18 October 1952

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1. On 8, 12, and 16 October 1952, 36 jet bombers, 4 Yak-11s and 2 Li-2s were counted at Werneuchen airfield.  25X1  
 When night flying was conducted, source saw a white lamp in the middle of the cowl of the retracted landing gear of jet bombers. The lamp threw its light vertically downward.<sup>2</sup>
  2. Flying activity observed at the field from 13 through 18 October included:
    - 13 October. There was no flying between 1 and 3 p.m.
    - 14 October. From 7 to 11 a.m. four IL-28s and 1 UIL-28 practiced take-offs and landings. One IL-28 was seen towing two sleeve targets and dropping them at the field before it landed. After 6 p.m., three IL-28s practiced take-offs and landings. The weather was dull.
    - 15 October. Only 1 UIL-28 practiced take-offs and landings from 7 a.m. to noon in dull weather. After 6:10 p.m., 6 IL-28s performed the same practices.
    - 16 October. There was no flying.
    - 17 October. Two IL-28s and 1 UIL-28 practiced take-offs and landings from 11:20 a.m. to noon in dull weather and during a light drizzle. Flying was done by four jet bombers after 5:25 p.m.
    - 18 October. There was no flying between 6:30 and 9 a.m. The weather was foggy.<sup>1</sup>
  3. On 14 October, source observed about 80 soldiers and several officers in the area between the spur track of the field and its southern border. Two wooden towers about 25 meters high and 20 meters apart with a rope suspended between them were seen in this area, which was partly obstructed from view by trees. A soldier with a wide belt around his waist was seen clinging to the rope. Suddenly there was a very loud detonation, and the soldier was hurled to the ground in a steep curve. Three soldiers hurried to the spot where he dropped, unbuckled the belt and carried the man, who was not dead, to the group of about 80 soldiers. The detonation mentioned was probably caused by compressed air, because source did not see any smoke. After 10 minutes, another such detonation

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was heard.<sup>3</sup>

4. On 3 October, two railroad tank cars arrived [redacted] on 4 October, 11 such cars arrived [redacted] Thirteen and 11 railroad tank cars arrived at the field on 10 and 15 October respectively.<sup>4</sup>

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5. In early October, source learned that AA guns had arrived at the field and that they were parked south of the AAA emplacement in the northwestern corner of the installation along the spur track. [redacted]

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Soldiers seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets with crossed gun barrels.<sup>5</sup>

6. On 15 October source learned that the runway, taxiways and hardstands at the field, which was occupied by jet bombers, were completed. Aircraft revetments were under construction near the hardstands, which were being extended by rectangular annexes. About 600 construction workers were employed at the field in mid-October.

1. [redacted] Comment. A total of 36 IL-28s and UIL-28s, 4 Yak-11s and 2 Li-2s were counted at the field, which is occupied by two bomber regiments. [redacted]

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[redacted] During the period from 13 through 18 October, when weather conditions were unfavorable, only local flying was conducted at day and night. No instrument flying was observed.

2. [redacted] Comment. So far, these lamps have only been observed on extended landing gears.

3. [redacted] Comment. The purpose of these exercises cannot be explained.

4. [redacted]

15. [redacted] Comment. Another source reported that eight 85-mm AA guns arrived at the field on 30 September. Both sources concordantly stated that the guns were taken to the northwestern corner of the field.

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